

Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2012

Live Births increased in July as 6,765 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,638 born one year earlier. However, cumulative births for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July continued to decrease. For January-July, births decreased by about 1.3 percent from 43,810 to 43,255.

Deaths decreased for all three time periods shown in the table below. In July, 4,460 Missourians died compared with 4,556 in July, 2011. For January-July, deaths decreased by 1.5 percent from 32,781 to 32,289.

The **Natural increase** in July was 2,305 (6,765 births minus 4,460 deaths). For January-July, the natural increase declined by 0.6 percent from 11,029 to 10,966.

Marriages and Dissolutions of Marriage are not yet available for January-July 2012. However, for January to June, marriages decreased very slightly from 17,751 to 17,722. For January-March, dissolutions decreased from 5,444 to 5,159.

Infant Deaths decreased for all three time periods shown below. In July, 21 Missouri infants died compared with 37 one year earlier. For January-July, the infant death rate decreased from 6.6 to 5.9 per 1,000 live births.

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Item	July				January-July				12 months ending with July				
	Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		Number		Rate*		
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2010	2011	2012
Live Births	6,638	6,765	13.0	13.2	43,810	43,255	12.5	12.3	76,215	75,429	13.0	12.7	12.5
Deaths	4,556	4,460	8.9	8.7	32,781	32,289	9.4	9.2	55,754	55,038	9.1	9.3	9.1
Natural increase	2,082	2,305	4.1	4.5	11,029	10,966	3.2	3.1	20,461	20,391	3.9	3.4	3.4
Marriages	4,210	NA	8.2	NA	21,932	NA	6.3	NA	38,791	NA	6.5	6.5	NA
Dissolutions	1,819	NA	3.6	NA	13,592	NA	3.9	NA	23,381	NA	3.8	3.9	NA
Infant deaths	37	21	5.6	3.1	289	255	6.6	5.9	481	446	6.9	6.3	5.9
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	6,011	6,035	....	....	6,011	6,035	....	....	5,981	6,002	6,025

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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